

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

The specification has been amended to recite the tool head and member, and to refer to the now illustrated No new matter whatsoever has been added. The drawing has been amended to show an actuator constituting the "means" in the claims. These amendments overcome the §112 objections.

The remaining main claim has been amended to recite that the inner ring element of the two-part coupling is stationary and the outer one is movable, and that the machining apparatus in question has merely two relatively movable parts, not the tool head and member hitherto described but not illustrated in detail.

The advantage of fixing the inner elements and letting the other move relative to it is particularly useful in a machining apparatus where, for instance, the tool-carrying head or the workpiece-support table is mounted on the larger outer element and the fixed element is secured to the machine base. This way the tool head or support table can, when the two elements are decoupled from the other coupling, be moved into the desired position, then the other coupling is moved back to lock them in place relative to

each other. The outer ring is easily made relative large so mounting something on it is easy, while the smaller inner ring can readily be fixed solidly to the apparatus base.

Neither US '780 of Saj nor US '488 of Pieczulewski shows this system.

Thus the claims now clearly define the environment of the instant invention and describe nothing that is not illustrated. Furthermore fixing one element of the first coupling and allowing the other to move further delimits the invention. Thus the claims read over the art and are in condition for allowance.

If only minor problems that could be corrected by means of a telephone conference stand in the way of allowance of this

case, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned to make the necessary corrections.

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